

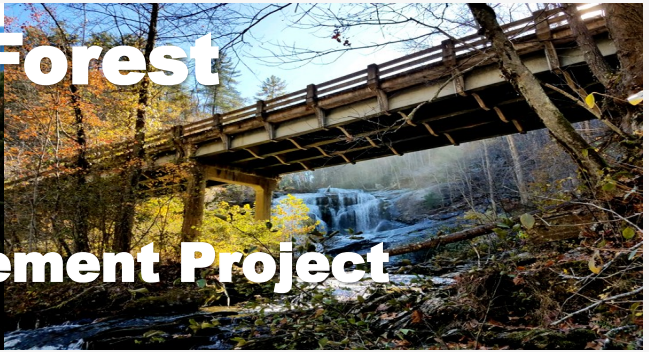


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# Cherokee National Forest

## Tellico Ranger District

### Bald River Bridge Replacement Project



- The Bald River Bridge, constructed in 1933, is deteriorating and in need of replacing. USDA Forest Service managers are making plans to replace the bridge in the Spring of 2021.
- Primary reasons for replacing the bridge include structural stability, pedestrian safety, and enhanced recreation experiences.
- The replacement bridge will provide two vehicle traffic lanes with safe separation of pedestrian traffic and an observation deck.
- The process for replacing the bridge includes evaluation of the environmental impacts, design of the replacement structure, solicitation of and awarding of a construction contract, and the bridge replacement work.
- The tentative period for the replacement work to begin is spring of **2021**. Once work begins it is anticipated that it will take 6-8 months to complete.
- While replacement work is in progress the bridge and the area adjacent to it will be closed to foot and vehicular traffic. Alternate/detour routes will be designated and maintained for increased traffic.
- We recognize that the construction phase of the project may pose an inconvenience to travelers and national forest visitors. We are committed to implementing and completing the project safely and as rapidly as possible.
- The replacement bridge will provide for better public safety and offer a more satisfying outdoor recreation experience for visitors.

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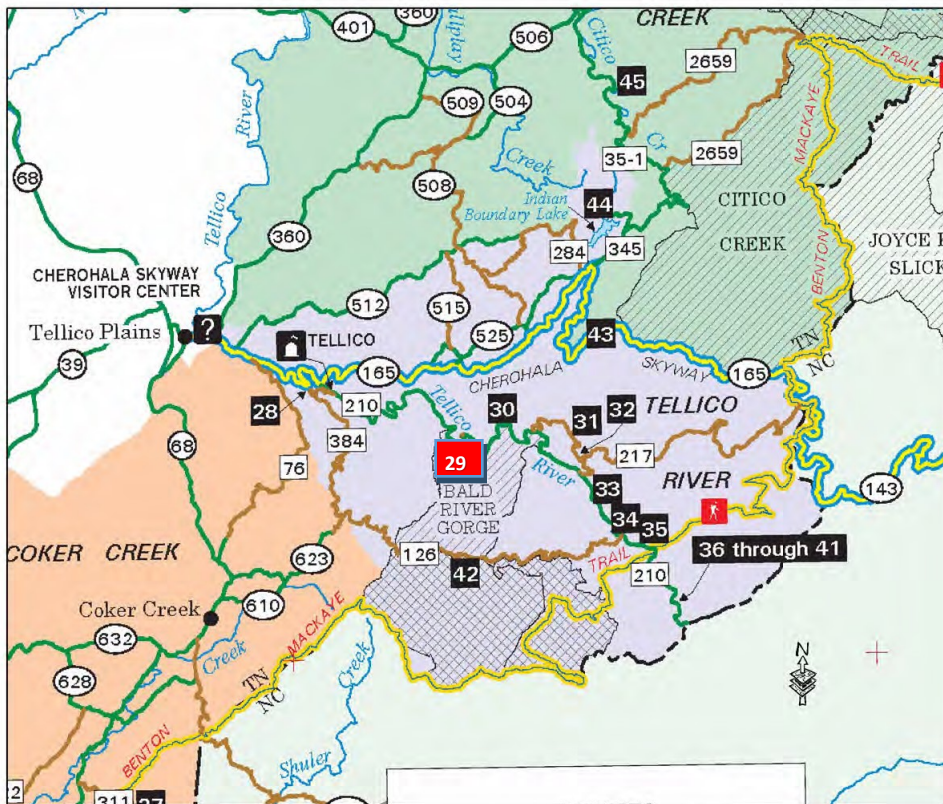


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Located in Monroe County, TN the Bald River Bridge is part of National Forest System Road (NFSR) 210 which passes through the Tellico River Corridor. The bridge spans Bald River at its confluence with the Tellico River.



Tellico River Recreation Zone

- 28. Ranger Station
- 29. Bald River Bridge**
- 30. Tellico River Corridor
- 31. McNabb Creek
- 32. North River
- 33. Sourwood
- 34. Spivey Cove
- 35. Fish Hatchery
- 36. Birch Branch
- 37. Davis Branch
- 38. Holder Cove
- 39. Big Oak Cove
- 40. Rough Ridge
- 41. State Line
- 42. Holly Flats
- 43. Cherochala Skyway
- 44. Indian Boundary

When bridge replacement work begins NFSR 210 will remain open to points below and above the bridge at Bald River Falls—**no through traffic**. The bridge and the area adjacent to it will be closed to foot and vehicular traffic.

Before bridge replacement work begins information regarding designated alternate/detour routes will be provided.

